

Having thus described the preferred embodiments,  
the invention is now claimed to be:

1. A magnetic resonance apparatus comprising:  
a magnet assembly for generating a main magnetic  
field through a subject disposed in an examination region,  
the magnet being disposed in a magnetic resonance suite;  
5 a sequence control system for generating  
magnetic resonance sequences;

an RF coil which at least receives resonance  
signals from the examination region, the RF coil being  
disposed adjacent the examination region;

10 an image processing system which processes the  
resonance signals received by the RF coil into images and  
manipulates the reconstructed images;

a wireless interface disposed with an antennae  
in the magnetic resonance suite for wireless communication  
15 between (i) at least one of the sequence control systems  
and the image processing system and (ii) at least one of  
the RF coil and a wireless remote control unit for  
communicating between an operator and at least one of the  
sequence control system and the image processing system.

2. The magnetic resonance apparatus as set  
forth in claim 1, wherein the remote control unit  
includes:

a display for relaying information from at least  
5 one of the sequence control system and the image  
processing system to the operator;

an input portion for accepting requests from the  
operator;

10 an RF transmitter for transmitting the operator  
requests to the wireless interface.

3. The magnetic resonance apparatus as set  
forth in claim 2, wherein the remote control unit further  
includes:

5 a radio frequency receiver for receiving radio frequency signals from at least the wireless interface.

4. The magnetic resonance apparatus as set forth in claim 3, further including:

a microprocessor for processing operator input to the remote control unit.

5. The magnetic resonance apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the wireless interface and the at least one of the remote control unit and the RF coil communicate with carrier frequencies greater than 500 MHZ.

6. The magnetic resonance apparatus as set forth in claim 5, wherein the carrier frequencies are between 2.3 and 2.6 GHz.

7. The magnetic resonance apparatus as set forth in claim 1, further including:

5 an RF transmitter disposed adjacent the RF coil;  
a radio frequency transceiver connected with the transmitter for communicating between the RF transmitter and the wireless interface.

8. The magnetic resonance apparatus as set forth in claim 1, further including:

5 additional radio frequency transceivers for providing a wireless communication pathway between a radio frequency transmitter and the RF coil.

9. A method of magnetic resonance comprising:  
inducing a main magnetic field through a subject in an imaging region;

5 exciting and manipulating magnetic dipoles within the imaging region;

receiving and demodulating magnetic resonance signals;

reconstructing the demodulated resonance signals  
into an image representation of the patient in the imaging  
10 region; and

wirelessly communicating at least one of  
exciting and manipulating instructions, received resonance  
signals, and image processing instructions with radio  
frequency signals.

10. The method as set forth in claim 9 further  
including:

identifying an RF coil with which the magnetic  
resonance signals are received using a radio frequency  
5 communicated handshaking protocol.

11. The method as set forth in claim 9, wherein  
the radio frequencies are greater than 500 MHZ.

12. The method as set forth in claim 9, further  
including:

wirelessly communicating and displaying  
information pertinent to a current magnetic resonance scan  
5 on a remote unit.

13. The method as set forth in claim 12,  
further including:

receiving reconstructed image information with  
the remote unit;  
5 displaying the received image information on the  
remote unit.

14. The method as set forth in claim 9 further  
including:

wirelessly communicating an identification of an  
RF receiving coil which is mounted adjacent the imaging  
5 region to receive resonance signals emanating from the  
subject.

5                    a communicating means for communicating  
information to an operator;

an input means that facilitates operator communication to sequence control and image processing systems;

16. The remote interface unit as set forth in claim 15, wherein the input means includes at least one of:

17. In a magnetic resonance imaging system which includes a shielded imaging suite, a magnet which generates a primary magnetic field through an imaging region located in the imaging suite, RF and gradient coils disposed adjacent the imaging region in the imaging suite, a sequence control system, and an image processing system, the improvement comprising:

communicating within the magnetic resonance suite over radio frequency communications signals.

18. In the magnetic resonance imaging system as set forth in claim 17, wherein the radio frequency communicating includes:

communicating radio frequency resonance signals  
5 received by the RF coil over the radio frequency  
communications signals to the image processing system.

19. In the magnetic resonance imaging system as set forth in claim 17, wherein the radio frequency communicating includes:

communicating control signals from a hand held  
5 controller in the imaging suite to at least one of the  
sequence control system and the image processing system.

20. In the magnetic resonance imaging system as set forth in claim 17 wherein the communications are digitally encoded on the radio frequency communication signals.

21. In the magnetic resonance imaging system as set forth in claim 17 wherein the radio frequency communication signals have a frequency greater than 0.5 GHz.

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